



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2007 – 6:30 pm

City Hall – Mayor's Ceremonial Room

Members Present: Kathye Crumley, Paul Van Doren, Michael Pierpoint, Taffi Romero, Gurumantra Khalsa, Steven Kirkpatrick, Albert Figueroa, Nancy Sturmer, Susie Doss, John Williams, Wivory Brandle, Sallie Cernie, Kirk Beck, Erin Snyder

Members Excused: Dan Gressman

Members Unexcused: LaTonya Johnson

Guests: Manny Leon, Doris Williams, Norm Gritton, Allison Dale (Arlington Business Partnership), Art Arredondo, Cindie Jensen, Diann Paul, Christina Duran

Staff: Bruni Mercado

1. Call to Order/Introductions – 6:32pm

2. Approval of Minutes, January 8, 2006 – Minutes approved

3. Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods

Manny Leon of the Mayor's Office gave an update of the Mayor's Night Out schedule and announced the need for a moderator for the next MNO in the Presidential Park Neighborhood.

Manny also distributed a "Neighborhood Needs and Assets Assessment and Diagnosis Report" for the Board's review. Board members are to read the report and come back to next meeting prepared to discuss/vote on the program.

Susie Doss gave an update on Mike Gardner, who attended the January RNP meeting looking for assistance in organizing a group in his neighborhood. Susie Doss relayed to the RNP Board that Mr. Gardner and his neighborhood were looking at establishing a Friends of Tequesquite Park to help with the planning of the new park facilities.

Diann Paul of the City's Public Works Department attended and discussed the procedures for trash pick-up, schedules, and to address questions and/or concerns.

4. Hillside Neighborhood Strategy

Mayor's Night Out (MNO) went well in the Airport/Hillside Neighborhood. Area Representative Kathye Crumley, who moderated that evening, reported that she is in the process of organizing Antioch, Dewey, Walter, and Shannon Streets with a street captain. She would like to invite the Principals from Adams and Mountain View Elementary Schools to RNP meetings and include them in the strategy to improve the Hillside Neighborhood. Steven Kirkpatrick identified Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church as an asset in the strategy to improve Hillside and Michael Pierpoint also mentioned that Wind of the Spirit Church is very interested in helping improve the area as well.

5. Performance Measurements

a) Inviting Council members to RNP meetings

The Board decided that it would be best to appoint one person to coordinate with the Council's Office the attendance of Council members to RNP meetings on a rotating basis. Steven Kirkpatrick of Area 1 volunteered to call the Council's Office to accomplish this task.

b) Updating Neighborhood Group List

After some discussion about the best way to contact individuals on the Neighborhood Association List, it was decided that a form letter, drafted by the RNP, would be best. A letter would be more effective in that it would provide a consistent and professional method of obtaining the updated information without confusing the person who is contacted. Susie Doss agreed to draft the letter, send to other Board members via e-mail for their input, and send final to Bruni to add RNP logo, Spanish translation, and mailing. Timeline for this task was set for first draft due on first Monday from RNP meeting and feedback from Board members on the 2nd Monday.

Gurumantra mentioned that it would be a good idea to have visual statistics of performance measurements of the RNP Board - Gurumantra to provide.

6. Annual Neighborhood Conference 2007

Bruni gave brief update of the upcoming Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, June 30, 2007, at California Baptist University. Neighborhood Awards Ceremony will occur on same day at the end of the day.

7. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items discussed.

8. Other Items/Public Comment

Announcement of Riverside Celebrates Trees on March 10, 2007, Nichols Park.

9. Next Meeting: March 5, 2007 – Mayor's Ceremonial Room

10. Adjournment

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